

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

During Calendar Year 2008, there were 949 crashes investigated in Central Command. This is a 6.3% decrease in the total number of crashes when compared to 2007. The Command investigated 64 fewer crashes investigated during Calendar 2008 than in Calendar Year 2007. There was a decline in two of the three severity categories with an 8.1% reduction in property crashes and a 2.8% decrease in injury crashes. There were 31 fatal crashes in 2008 which is the same as in 2007. The number of persons killed as the result of the 31 fatal crashes was 37 people, which the same as in 2007. Of the people killed, 45.5% were not wearing seatbelts, which is down from the 2007 total of 47%. DUI crashes decreased 20% from 44 in 2007 to 35 in 2008. The Central Command increased occupant restraint enforcement by 20.1% or 441 citations in 2008 compared to 2007.

Although commercial vehicle crashes continue to be problematic to the Central Command, this type of crash was reduced by 14.8% or 30 fewer commercial vehicle crashes during 2008. As such, the percentage of commercial vehicles involved in crashes during 2008 showed a decrease to 18.2% from the previous year to 19.6% in 2007. Of the 173 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, the commercial vehicle driver was at fault in 96 or 55.49 % of these crashes. Of the 173 crashes, 102 or 59% occurred on Interstate 80 with the remaining 41 % occurring on secondary roadways.

The Central Command's total enforcement activity showed an increase in violations of 12.9% or 3,916 more cited violations when compared to 2007. Speed violations decreased by 3.4 %, hazardous moving violations decreased 5.7%, and arrests increased from 1,380 in 2007 to 1,774 in 2008 or 28.6%.

Traffic personnel conducted 3,386 Level 2 & 3 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. This was a decrease of 9.8% over 2007. Even with the slight decrease, this program continues to be a success. This is evident in the reduction of commercial motor vehicle crashes that occurred during 2008 compared to 2007.

During 2008, Commercial Operations personnel conducted 661 more safety inspections for a 10.7% increase. The increase in inspections also led to increases in the number of citations issued for safety violations and dyed fuel checks. There was an increase of 25.1% in the number of vehicles weighed. Additionally, hazardous moving violation citations, traffic violation citations and arrests made by commercial enforcement personnel increased significantly during 2008 compared to 2007.

Administrative Services showed decreases in accident reports processed. This was due to the command wide reduction in crashes during 2008 compared to 2007. There was also a decrease in incident and officer reports processed. Administrative Services showed increases in the total arrest reports processed during 2008. This was because both traffic and commercial personnel made more arrests during 2008 compared to 2007. The Central Command Dispatch Center had decreases in radio transmissions, CAD incidents and telephone calls. During 2008, call box incidents increased by 314 or 348.9% over 2007.

The efforts made by the Command's personnel throughout Calendar Year 2008 continue to contribute to improved highway safety and service to the public. The personnel of the Command need to be commended for their efforts, commitment and dedication to the mission of the Division.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	Calendar Year 2008		Calendar Year 2007	% Change	
Total Crashes	949		1013	-6.3%	
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	639		695	-8.1%	
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	279		287	-2.8%	
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	31		31	0.0%	
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	35		44	-20.5%	
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	37		37	0.0%	
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	9		8	12.5%	
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	6		7	-14.3%	
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	9		17	-47.1%	
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	9		5	80.0%	
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	4		1	300.0%	
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	173		203	-14.8%	
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	129		155	-16.8%	
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	40		46	-13.0%	
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	4		2	100.0%	

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Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.3%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 45.5%

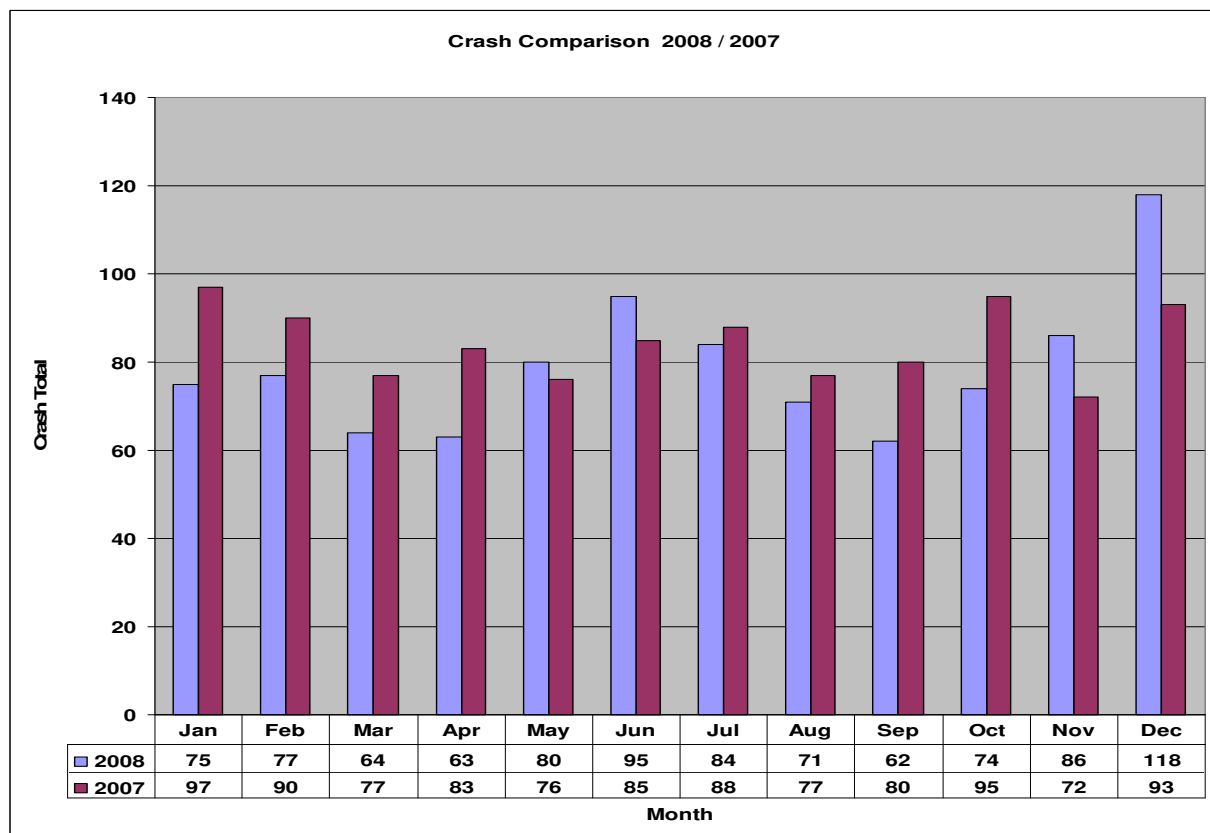
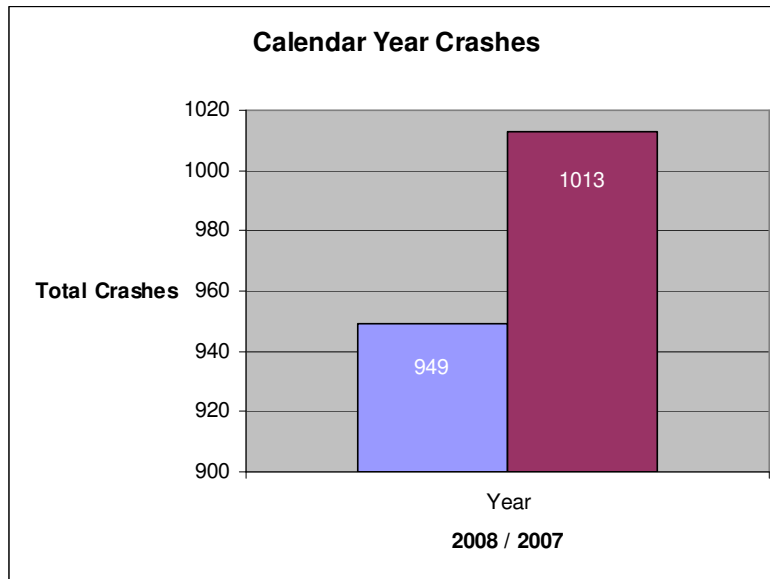
Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 18.2%

Total overall crashes for Calendar Year 2008 declined by 6.3% compared to 2007. Property and injury crashes experienced declines, with fatal crashes remaining the same at 31.

The total persons killed during fatal accidents remained the same at 37. In 2008, the percentage of persons killed without seatbelts increased 12.5% for drivers and decreased 14.3% for passenger from 2007.

Crashes involving impaired drivers decreased 20.5% from 44 in 2007 to 35 in 2008. The average BAC for drivers involved in crashes was .193%. This is a decrease from the 2007 average BAC of .206% for impaired drivers involved in a crash.

Crashes involving commercial vehicles dropped by 14.8% in 2008. There were also declines in commercial vehicle property crashes of 16.8% and injury crashes of 13%. There were two additional fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles for a 100% increase. Of the 174 crashes which involved a commercial vehicle, 96 or 55.49% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. In 2007, 64.2% of the commercial vehicle crashes were the fault of the commercial operator. Of the 174 crashes, 103 or 59% occurred on Interstate 80 while the remaining 41% occurred on secondary roadways. The overall percentage of 18.2% of total crashes that involved a commercial motor vehicle is 1.2% lower than in the 2007 total of 19.6%.

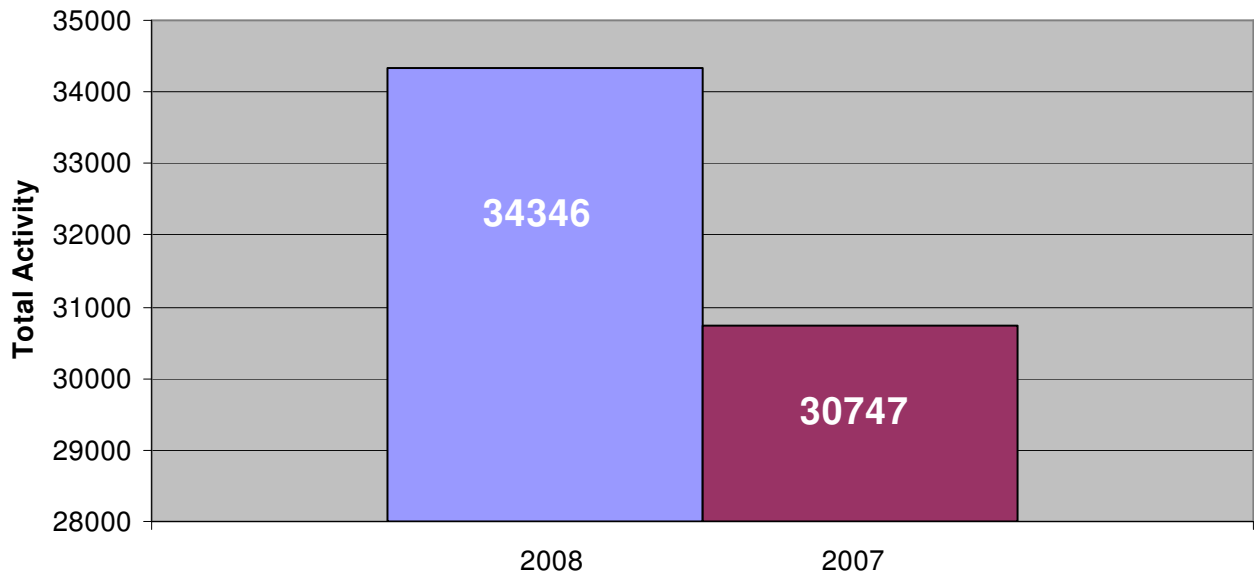


During the calendar year 2008, the Central Command experienced decreases in crashes during every month other than May, June, November and December compared to the monthly crash totals for 2007.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

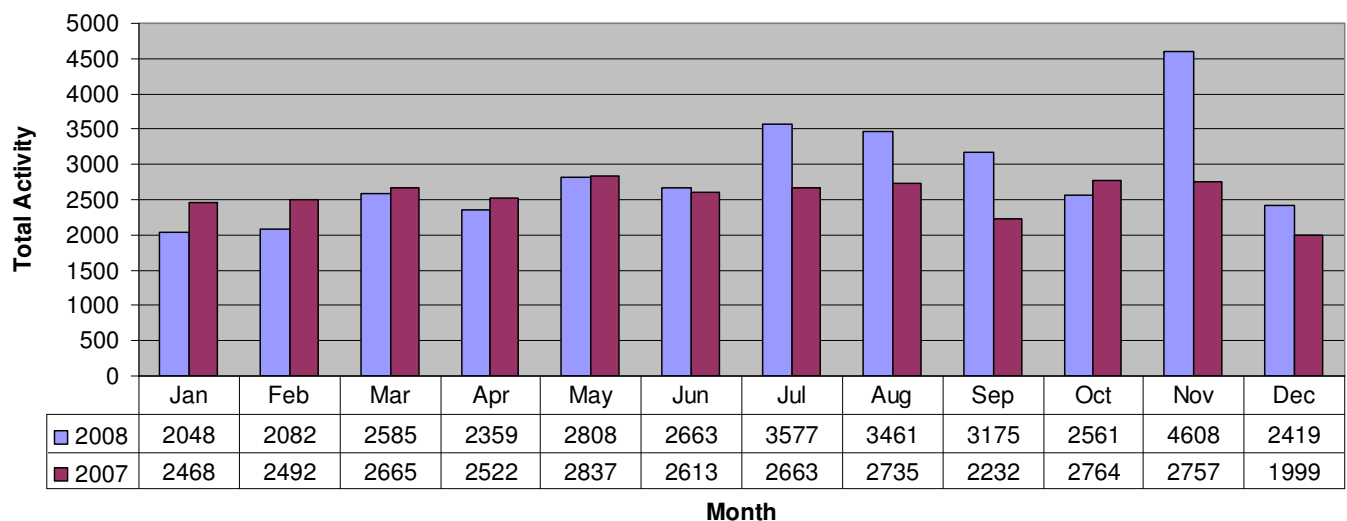
	Calendar Year 2008		Calendar Year 2007	% Change	
DUI arrests from crashes	35		44	-20.5%	
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	401		274	46.4%	
Other Arrests	1774		1380	28.6%	
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	959		710	35.1%	
Speed violations	17112		17710	-3.4%	
Hazardous moving violations	1715		1818	-5.7%	
Occupant restraint violations *	2639		2198	20.1%	
Total violations [above violations included]	34346		30430	12.9%	
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	412		338	21.9%	
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	411		218	88.5%	
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	6836		6175	10.7%	
Terminal inspections [level 5]	11		8	37.5%	
Total safety violations -- citation	1278		1142	11.9%	
Total safety violations -- repair order	9468		8399	12.7%	
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	415		355	16.9%	
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	258		252	2.4%	
Total school buses inspected	302		253	19.4%	
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	26		50	-48.0%	
Total trucks weighed	8079		6456	25.1%	
Total overweight citations	114		123	-7.3%	
Total dyed fuel inspections	6484		5969	8.6%	
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%	

Total Activity Comparison 2008 / 2007



Overall activity within the Central Command increased by 12.9% or 3,916 citations or arrests during 2008, compared to 2007.

Total Activity Comparison 2008 / 2007



The Central Command experienced increases in every field enforcement activity category except for DUI arrests from crashes, speed violations and hazardous moving violations. The reduction in post DUI crash arrests can be attributed to DUI crashes decreasing 20.5% during 2008. The decrease in speed violations maybe attributed to high fuel costs experienced during much of 2008. Even though hazardous moving violations decreased during 2008, total crashes were down 6.3% compared to 2007.

Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crashes increased by 46.4%. The average BAC was .155%.

Traffic Operations personnel continued with the commercial vehicle inspection program with good results in 2008. Traffic personnel inspected 3,386 commercial vehicles and their drivers. These inspections resulted in the discovery of 1,152 violations and resulted in 200 drivers being placed out of service. Additionally, ninety-seven vehicles were placed out of service.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Calendar Year 2008	3386	1152	3241	200	97	2832	1
Calendar Year 2007	3753	1635	4340	289	95	3084	8
% Change	-9.8%	-29.5%	-25.3%	-30.8%	2.1%	-8.2%	-87.5%

Commercial Operations personnel conducted 6,836 inspections in calendar year 2008 which was a 10.7% increase. The increase in safety inspections led to 1,278 citations being issued. These inspections also resulted in 258 drivers placed out of service and an increase in the number of vehicles placed out of service to 415.

During 2008, Commercial Operations personnel inspected 302 school buses. Of the 302 busses inspected, 26, or 8.6% were placed out of service. The number of school buses placed out of service in 2008 is down 48% or 24 buses from 2007.

During 2008, the Central Command weighed 8,079 vehicles, which is 25.1% more. However, the number of overweight violations decreased 7.3% or 9 citations. Of the 8,079 vehicles weighed, 1,788 were weighed on secondary roadways during 2,462 hours of inspection time. This comes out to an average of 1 vehicle weighed every 1.3 hours.

In 2008, Commercial Operations personnel found no dyed fuel violations. This is the same as during 2007. Of the 6,484 inspections conducted, 1,804 were conducted on secondary roadways during 1,215 hours of inspection time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Calendar Year 2008		Calendar Year 2007	% Change	
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	739,094		825,745	-10.5%	
CAD incidents	102,105		116,466	-12.3%	
Telephone Calls	98,002		120,950	-19.0%	
Call Box Incidents	404		90	348.9%	
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	953		1,053	-9.5%	
Arrest Reports Processed	860		767	12.1%	
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	101		168	-39.9%	
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	2,469		2,792	-11.6%	
Warrants Entered	2,166		2,846	-23.9%	
Warrants Cleared	2,087		3,961	-47.3%	
Warrants Validated	13,054		21,959	-40.6%	
Extradition / Transports	51		66	-22.7%	
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	330		329	0.3%	
New Items Submitted	1,319		1,457	-9.5%	
Items Disposed	1,244		1,264	-1.6%	
CONTRACT SERVICES	Number		Hours		\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
2007 Contracts	80		3318.87		\$224,650.00
2008 Contracts	114		21,302.33		\$561,465.11

The Communications Center experienced drops in radio transmissions, CAD incidents generated and telephone calls. Call Box incidents resulted in 404 calls. During 2007 and much of 2008, the call boxes in Central Command were not operative.

Front Office personnel processed 953 accident reports, 860 arrest reports and 101 officer reports during 2008. Accident reports and incident reports processed are down somewhat from 2007 with arrest reports processed being up.

Court / Warrant personnel received, entered, cleared and validated less warrants in 2008 than in 2007.

The number of new cases submitted with evidence increased slightly by 1 case in 2008. Consequently, the number of items submitted with the 330 cases was 9.5% less than in 2007. Due to a change in evidence vault procedures, there are no evidence totals available for December 2008.

There was a huge increase in contract services in 2008 to 114 compared to 80 in 2007. As a result of the increase, the total number of hours relating also increased by 17,983.46 generating \$561,465.11 total revenue. This can be attributed to the upswing in gold costs and gold production in the Northern Nevada area.

Central Command personnel completed all of the required Division and POST training during calendar year 2008 except for one trooper who has been on extended leave due to a work injury.

The Central Command aircraft, Air One, flew 511.9 hours during 2008. This is up from 374 hours flown during 2007. There were 59 speed enforcement missions flown, which resulted in 1,083 enforcement actions. This is also an increase of 240 over the 2007 total of 849. There was an average of 5.2 enforcement actions for every hour over an enforcement site. In addition, during enforcement and line patrol missions, 171 motorists were assisted. There were 17 prisoners transported by air. There were also 27 Departmental personnel transports which accounted for 51 hours of the aircrafts flight time. Twelve property transports accounted for 20.3 hours of flight time. In addition, the aircraft was displayed at five air shows and was utilized in searches for a missing seven-year old child, a lost fisherman and a reported missing airplane. The airplane and pilot were instrumental in Wells Earthquake relief efforts.



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